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# THE CALCUTTA INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN MISSION.

Est. 1886.

## HEAD QUARTERS.

*No. 1, Dehi Serampore Road, Calcutta.*

The above Mission is in no way connected with any Foreign and Local Missionary Society.

Some years ago (1886) the Founder, trusting in the hands of Providence, started a small weekly paper in Bengali, called the Shwadhin Khristyan or Independent Christian, which was circulated free throughout the Bengal Presidency. Through the medium of this paper he made frequently earnest appeals to all the laymen in the Bengali Christian community to make up a band of independent laborers in the Lord's vineyards, earning their own livelihood in the best way possible, but devoting their spare moments for the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

The Lord's blessing was attended with this independent work, and the result was that more than half a dozen souls from heathenism came to Christ, and acknowledged Him as their Saviour.

In the course of time the meetings in connection with this work became a channel of blessing to many who, being filled with fire, began to labor more than ever, and became united into one body called the Shwadhin Khristyan Mission on the Methodist principle. These workers withdrew their names from the Roll Book of members of the different churches they belonged, and began to work more faithfully under this new color bringing hundreds of souls at the feet of Jesus.

The congregation for Sunday and week day services meet at No. 1, Dehi Serampore Road, and is composed of about 90 persons regularly attending, besides adherents and Enquirers after truth who sing, pray, cry and testify. There is a Sunday-school and Girls' School in connection with the work. Also publish tracts, books and a weekly paper called the "Tranadayo" or "Dawn of Salvation."

In connection with the Mission there is also a Homœopathic Charitable Dispensary, which under God has been the means of reaching the homes and hearts of thousands and thousands of Hindu and Mahomedans who live in the villages round about 3 or 4 miles of the Mission House. This institution is in charge of our Secretary A. C. Mookerjee, who has devoted some years in the study and practice of this Science.

## MISSION STAFF.

L. C Mookerjee.—Pastor (formerly Local Preacher of the M. E. Church.)

* Aleck Mundle.—Evangelist.

S. C. Mookerjee.—Band Master.

A. C. Mookerjee.—Superintendent, Sunday-School.

* Susanah Mundle.—In charge Girls' School.

Charles Paul.—In charge Beg Bagan Chapel and School.†

A. C. Mookerjee.—Editor and Secretary to the Mission.

## BRANCHES OF WORK.

1. Sunday Services are held at 8-30 A. M. and 4 P. M. at the residence of our Pastor, where almost all the meetings are held for want of a place of worship. We have secured a portion of land but are now waiting till such time God is pleased to provide materials for a suitable place of worship to hold about 200 people. Hindus also attend and join the service regularly and we hope to see the day of the conversion of some of them.
2. Sunday School is held every sunday at 2 30 P. M. and is progressing favourably under the guidance of the Spirit. The branch Sunday School is held at the Chapel at Beg Bagan precisely at the same time. Total attendance on an average 46 Boys and Girls, Supdt. A. C. Mookerjee, Teacher, Aleck Mundle.
3. Week Day Meetings are held at No. 1, Dehi Serampore Road on Thursday at 5 P. M. When the congregation consist of Hindus and Christian men, women and children.

Fellowship meeting for men only at 6 P. M. every Saturday, and for Children at 5 P. M. every Wednesday.

4. Day School for Boys and Girls is held at Beg Bagan in our Chapel Room which is the gift of Brother Paul. For want of funds teachers are not engaged but Brother Aleck teaches the children in the rudiments of Bengali and prepares their Sunday School Lessons. Attendance being 20 to 25.
5. Village Preaching—Under this head we are pleased to state that our helpers from time to time go into the Villages round the Mission house and visit every house praying, singing and talking with them.
6. Shwadhin Christian Mission Concert Club—Seeing the deplorable state of those young men of our community, who frequent bad places to enjoy singing and playing musical instruments, a small concert club has been

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* Paid by the Independent Christian Mission.

† The Beg Bagan Chapel is not a *Pucca* building but a thacthed small Bungalow which requires renewing.

started in connection with the mission. The object of the club being to teach the members to play different musical instruments and sing Help in the singing in Evangelistic and Revival meetings, Annual Christian gatherings of any Missionary society, Marriage ceremonies of Christians observing that none but religious hymns be sung. God has hitherto helped us in a peculiar way in this branch. A full report of which will be published in due time.

7. Our Publications :—

Knowledge is Power.—Independent of any aid from any one we have been able to print and publish the following.

1. Pardon and Purity.
2. Are the Hindus Israelites ?
3. Morbus Sabbaticus or Courteous hints to Sabbath Breakers.
4. How to obtain the second Blessing and keep it, or the Twelve Golden Rules.
5. Our Lord's Second coming—A Wonderful Dream.
6. A Thousand Rupees Reward or Ten questions to the Roman Catholics for reply.
7. Hindoo and Christian—A Contrast.
8. Salvation. Second Edition.
9. One Sin—Second Edition.
10. One Word—Holiness unto the Lord.
11. Our Spiritual depravity and the Way Out. 2nd edition.
12. A New Garland of Sacred Songs and Solos :—Being a metrical translation of Sankey's 58 songs and solos. 2nd edition.
13. Sweet Hymns.
14. (Hindi) Collection of Hymns for Street Preaching.
15. The Lost Book of the Aryans.
16. The Great Feast of Passover.
17. A Revelation of the Image of Jagannath (Lord of the World 2nd edition.
18. Life of Chaitanya as inferior to that of Christ.
19. The Triden, The Cross, the Three Pieces of Sacred Wood &c. &c.
20. Who is a Brahmin ?
21. Srimanta Swami The Mystic or the Romance of an Indian Jogi. A translation from the English of Rev. D. Robinson, Baptist Missionary.
22. The Living Life of Christ.
23. Four Fold Links—Second Edition.
24. The Decline and Fall of Israel.
25. Life of Rev. William Bramwell.
26. Bible Holiness p. 224.
27. Tranodaya or the Dawn of Salvation—The only Bengali Christian Weekly Subscription Re. 1-10 per annum in advance, single copy half anna. It contains neither secular matter nor politics but only, pure christianity.

## OPINIONS.

### TRANODAYA.

*Babu J. C. Devadev, Kavikanchana Sekhara,—*
*Manager of a Bengali. Hindoo Weekly writes :—*

'ত্রাণোদয়' পাঠ করিয়া অতি সন্তোষিত হইয়াছি। ত্রাণোদয়ের অনুসন্ধিৎসা নৈপুণ্য এবং কল্পনা কৌশল অতি প্রশংসার বটে। ইত্যাদি।

## A PAPER FOR THE TIMES.

*Rev. R. Spurgeon, Baptist Missionary, Barrisal writes :—*

I do not think your capital paper is half so well known as it ought to be &c.....I admire your vigour, courage and devotion to the truth and wish you abundant success &c. Your paper is just the thing for the times and is doing a great deal of good. Take courage &c.

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## AN INTERESTING PAPER.

*Mr. L. Peters of Dinajpur writes :—*

We are indeed much interested in your articles denominated মহাভারত কল্পনা *Mahabharat kalpana* and কৃষ্ণ রহস্য *Krishna rahashya* &c. &c.

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## TRANODAYA IS INSTRUCTIVE.

*A Hindu writes :—*

I like the TRANODAYA very much for the many good instructions it contains &c. I send you 5 Rupees use it in some God's work &c

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## TRANODAYA.

*Baboo Gopal Chunder Palit of the "Bangabashi Office" writes :—*

I am very desirous to go through TRANODAYA Nos. 2/1, 2/2, 2/3 and 2/11) over &c., the bearer will pay &c., &c.

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*The Rev. P. K. Buxi, of the Wesleyan Mission at Bankura writes :—*

I heartily confess that it (TRANODAYA) is a very nice paper and worthy of a Christian home &c.

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## A GOOD PAPER.

*The Rev. Edwin B. Stiles, of the American Free Baptist Mission, Midnapore, writes :*

"Long may this good paper shed its light on sin cursed Bengal, and may it help to hasten the day when salvation shall dawn in the hearts of every one in Bengal.

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*Miss L. C. Coombs, of the American Free Baptist Mission, Balasore, writes :—*

"Would bid you "God speed" in your worthy efforts, &c."

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## THE BEST PREACHER.

*A Missionary engaged in Bengali work writes :—*

"B———is a large populous town in inhabited chiefly by Hindus. Tranodaya is the best preacher now. We are praying for its wellfare &c."

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## A VALUEABLE MAGAZINE.

*G. C. Ghosh, Esq. Honorary Magistrate, Presidency Circle, Calcutta,* writes :—

"The Tranodaya is a very valueable Christian Magazine in the vernacular and has given me and my family very good reading."